

REMARKS

This application has been further carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 11, 2007. Claims 1, 7 to 12 and 14 to 18 and 21 to 28 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 12, 23 and 28 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of initiating a telephonic interview with Applicants' undersigned representative on May 15, 2008. This Amendment has been prepared based on that interview.

During the interview, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of Claim 6 (in conjunction with Claim 5), and the subject matter of Claim 20 (in conjunction with Claim 5) is allowable. In view of the indicated allowability, Applicants have chosen to amend Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claims 5 and 6. A similar amendment has been made to Claim 12. In addition, Applicants have added new independent Claim 23 to include the subject matter of previously-presented Claims 1, 5 and 20. An apparatus claim corresponding to Claim 23 has also been added as new independent Claim 28. Thus, each of independent Claims 1, 12, 23 and 28, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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